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June 15, 1933.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway 150th Street,
New York City, New York.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Last night I had the pleasure of taking dinner with Prof. and Mrs. Bellinger of Yale University. After dinner we discussed, among other things, the question of coins. I have been for a long time interested in problems of Turkish history and am engaged in a research into certain phases of the religious history of Anatolia and I would like very much to break into the study of Turkish coins. There are a number of articles on these coins in the journal of the Ottoman Historical Society. Prof. Bellinger suggested that you might be able to refer me to some literature in English on the subject, either of Seljuk or Ottoman coins.

I shall appreciate any information you can give me about this subject and I shall be interested also to hear about the work of your Society.

Very sincerely yours,

J. K. Birge

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June 30, 1933.

Mr. J. K. Birge
Turkiye Amerikan Bord Nesriyat Dairesi
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Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 15th just at hand. There are but three books on Seljuke coins and but two books on Ottoman coins, three are in Turkish and two in English. On a separate piece of paper I am giving you these titles. We do not happen to be acquainted with the articles in the Ottoman Historical Society publication. The only books in English covering the Seljuke and Ottoman coins are the British Museum catalogues.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 23, 1934.

Mr. J. K. Birge
Am. Board, Publication Dept.
P. O. Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Prof. Bellinger I am sending under separate cover the Catalogue of the Islamic Coins by A. Zeya. I have looked thisthrough and to the best of my ability I consider the collection worth anywhere from $1800.00 to $2000.00. This, however, is mere guess work as it is impossible to value any collection without seeing it, as condition etc. largely determine the value.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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